

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

Newsletter January 2021

Dear Member

First, a Happy New Year to All. Another year older – where did it go? We all hope that 2021 will be a better one, although I think that Maisemore has been quite lucky; we have had no Covid in the road, as far as I am aware, and the neighbourliness has continued to keep spirits up. A few members have had the vaccine injection already and with our older age profile in the road (and Emsworth) more of us should be getting it soon. Hopefully this will enable those concerned to relax a little, but it will probably be a while before things start to head in the direction of normality.

The Council of Management (CoM) is trying to continue with business without physical meetings. We had a Zoom meeting at the end of last year and may have another. But, thanks to email and telephone, we are able to continue to carry on with the business of considering members' house improvement applications and looking after the gardens as well as the tedious bits of administration, which I won't bore you with. If you have any comments in general please contact any director.

We still have an AGM in mind, but that is as far as it will get for a while. As mentioned before, we have considered various alternatives to a proper meeting and don't consider any of them satisfactory. We missed one completely last year which is a first in the history of MGL. We will have some directors retiring this year and will encourage new blood. We welcome any offers to help with the running of MGL. New members of the CoM would have to be on the same basis as James Leeming and John Watt. As you know, James has become a director, which will need to be confirmed at the next AGM, and John is helping as an extra co-opted member of the CoM at the moment. We need a turn-over of directors to keep things fresh, so please come forward, especially the newer members in our road. It is surprising (or not, probably) how many members have helped as directors of MGL in the past - almost all of the established residents. Their efforts are not forgotten.

Talking of administration, thank you all those that have paid their levy so far. More people pay by bank transfer each year and this year well over half of us have done so. This process makes things simpler for both parties. Those few who haven't yet paid have probably just forgotten; if you've mislaid your request form, it's £210 to Suzy Daniels at no 8. If you pay by bank transfer don't forget to return the form with your house insurance information included.

Our new gardener, Paul, has been working through the winter to tidy the grounds and prepare for the Spring. We did spend quite a lot on our gardens last year, because we have been trying to re-vitalise all the areas. We always welcome feedback from members about the gardens. We no longer have a gardening group, but if any members would like to get involved with a bit of light, socially distanced and sociable gardening, we may be able to re-



form the group when allowed by Covid rules. If you're interested contact Sarah at 65.

The mad sea swimmers have continued through December and January on almost every day. A couple of the even madder ones celebrated the New Year by going for a swim at midnight on the 31st. I did wave them encouragement from the window of our warm bedroom!

Our Maisemore windsurfers have also been out on their foil boards – very impressive. (Note that James and Andy, shown here, are riding above the water on their

foil)

We have 2 new sculptures on our green areas. These are kindly contributed again by Lester at 45. We change them each year to keep it interesting and initiate conversation about them – maybe they are our Marmite..... Let us have your thoughts.

We have been lucky with the weather recently having had just a short cold snap. The narcissus shown below outside 46 have been putting on a bright display since December.



Martin Gebbett, Chairman, on behalf of the CoM.

MGL Committee of Management Directors 2021

**Martin Gebbett, James Leeming, Barry King-Smith, Suzy Daniels,
Gill Edwards, Sarah Harrington, David Salmon, John Watt (co-opted)**